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## *** A COMPUTING PHILIPPIC ***

WELCOME to our final issue of the year. 1983 has turned out to be a great year not only for the Computer Industry, Timex and of course Capital Area Timex/Sinclair Users' Group. We have gone from nothing in January to over 120 paid members in November. We hope to close the year with at least 125. Timex promised us many things in 1983. They came out finally with the TS2068 in October. They also started delivering the TS2020 Tape Recorder. They have promised the Modem for sometime in December. And before I forget, the TS1500. Many people don't know yet where the 1500 fits in the scheme of things. But if you were unhappy with the 1000 , the 1500 should answer your questions about a replacement for the 1000 keyboard. The coming of the 80 column full size printer early in 1984 should really have the Timex machines take off. The microdrives will really lick the storage capacity of the machines. And of course if the local network is handled correctly we should all be able to communicate using our machines over the telephone. There were some very unhappy Computerists during 1983. They were very disappointed in the way TIMEX has handled the relationships with the peripheral manufacturers that support the Timex machines. They also were very impatient with Timex in late delivery of promised production. I don't feel that Timex has given its just due when it comes to recognizing those that support it's products. The people that really count are the members of the TIMEX/SINCLAIR Users' Groups throughout the U.S. and Canada. These members are the CONSUMER that TIMEX better cater to or else lose the entire market to machines that may not meet all the standards of the Timex but at least recognize that there are people out there in the marketplace that can make or break the Timex. Another very important person is the Vendor or dealer who sells the Timex on the retail level. He doesn't seem to get much support at all. The leaders of the User Groups give more support to Retailers that Timex

## FROM THE EDITOR

HERE'S our bonus sized, holiday issue. That "our" in the last line is signifigant. There has been a wonderful response to my requests for help on the newsletter. It's reflected in the list of people involved with this issue. There aren't that many more names present, but 75\% of those listed helped with the nuts \& bolts of production, as well as with the writing! You, the reader can help also; if there are any problems with the composition of the newsletter - crooked copy, confusing splits in the articles, etc. - let one of the folks in the box below know.

We still (always) need material. I've included a short paragraph below, discussing the format for submissions. The bottom line is, if you were interested in something, then others in the club are also interested in the same thing - and the best way to contact those folks is to write a piece in the newsletter. ORDERS ETC.

If you got in on Jules' offer for new SYNC subscriptions, you may pick up your complimentary copy of the Nov/Dec SYNC at the next meeting. The regular subscription will still start with the Jan/Feb issue.

If you paid for a copy of The Essential Guide to Timex/Sinclair Home Computers, you have one more chance to pick it up. All copies that haven't been picked up by the end of the Dec. 10 Meeting will be donated to the door prize fund.
THE MEMBER SURVEY
Twenty-eight copies of the survey have been returned. That's 25\%: not a bad rate of return, but that also leaves 75\% of CATS members that haven't taken the time. If you want your voice to be heard,
get a copy of the survey (Nov newsletter) filled out and back to me - either at the meeting on Dec. 10 or by mail before December 26 .
I'll print a tabulation of responses in the January newsletter.

Thanks for your continuing help and encouragement.


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Dear Editor:
Just received your fine newsletter, and would like to comment:

1. "A Truly Portable Sinclair/Timex" by Les Solomon, from August 1983, Computers and Electronics. I've been struggling with this circuit for about three months. It works, no doubt. I have had less "crashes" when everything is working, but, let's examine the 6V Polaroid Battery. My computer accepts 12 V without load. It's Ser. No. T 087443 and operates from a power supply (provided after purchase by Timex) and listed as 9 V 1.5 A.output, but puts out 12 V when measured without load. My machine will not work on 6 V , but works well on 2 Polaroid batteries, but it runs them down rather fast. Another problem. By the time my Polaroid batteries are "available" they're about $1 / 2$ out of date. To collect 2 takes

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 NEWSLETTER TEAMSUBMISSIONS for this newsletter are eagerly solicited. The primary function of this newsletter is to serve as a method of communication between members: thus, when selecting material for each issue, first priority will be given to member's submissions. Publication of material does not transfer rights from the author; in fact, it may establish priority.

Submissions may be reviews, articles on applications, programming techniques, hardware, or anything else you can imagine. Pertinent articles from other publications will also be considered.

I would prefer material to be typed, single spaced, in 3每" columns - but don't break your back: the Xerox dosen't really care.
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2. Look on Radio Shack catalog, page 121, Item "M Remote On/Off Switch, \$3.99." Great to plug into wall, then plug TV, Timex, and tape recorder into it, then turn off and on from 15 feet from wall plug. Beats in price the expensive on/ off switches sold as add-ons for Timlex.
3. Has anyone tried the Radio Shack "Voltage Spike Protector - 61-2790, \$9.95"? My power is both "spike-ey" and tending to fade, so I need both battery back-up and spike protector. Up to now I can't find the protector in any Radio Shack in my area. Know where they can be found? My daughter, in Denver, says sbe uses one and it protects needle-bending surges hitting the Electrocardiographic runs.

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Helpful Hint From Harry Hacker

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## FAST GRAPH

The following program is reprinted from the Z－West newsletter，of Vista，CA，with permission． No author is given－1 assume that it was written by the publisher，Gordon Young．
＂This month＇s presentation is a graph subroutine you can incorporate into your own program．This one is not in BASIC and will be printed onto your screen in about one second！The ＂Example＂program will give you an idea of how it works（in BASIC）．

You first need to reserve at least 215 bytes of memory for the machine code routine．This is easily accomplished by entering： 1 REM（followed by 215 characters［spaces，periods，numbers，anything！］）． It is a good idea to do this in FAST mode．Keep in mind that this must be line number 1 （one）．When you have completed line one，enough memory has been reserved to enter the machine code routine，and now you need a simple assembler program to enter the MC code numbers．Figure\＃ 1 is a program to do the entering of the numbers．You can now type RUN and begin entering code numbers from the listing．Enter the listing from left to right（top to bottom）． When all the numbers have been entered，break out of the assembler by entering any letter to give an error report．Press ENTER once again and the computer will return to the program listing．Now， remove lines 2 through 12 and get rid of the assembler．SAVE the program so far（a crash will require you to start all over！）．Your BASIC listing should now look some thing like figure \＃2．If everything has gone well so far，you can run the routine by entering RAND USR 16514 （\＆ENTER）．The bar graph should now appear on your sereen．If not， you better start checking your entries！It should look like that of figure \＃3．

Enter the rest of the BASIC＂EXAMPLE＂program and try it out．There are some small limitations you must take note of．You can enter 12 pieces of data to represent each month．The addresses that recieve this are：16582－16593，so when you make use of the program，use these addresses to POKE your data into．Another important aspect of this routine is that data must be a number between 1 and 18. This means you will have to scale your data do inn to fit．Zero and 19 will cause the program to crash！

Room has been made to the right of the graph so that you may print levels of values down the side． You can see that there are nine horizontal divisions．Here again，you will have to scale the highest value to the ninth division（18）．Although these small drawbacks require extra BASIC programming，the speed of this routine will make up for this problem．

If you are a new $2 X /$ TS user，and have not had the chance to see how fast assembly language programming［sic．］is，this is a good example．

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## PRINTING WITH STYLE: A PROWRITER REVIEW

New equipment is one of the things that is closest to the heart of a computer hobbyist - and I recently was able to get acquainted with a particularly endearing piece of equipment. Unfortunately, it's on loan; and I'm already thinking of the sad day when I'll have to wave good-bye. The device is C. Itoh's Prowriter - and I've been using it for every written product I've generated since I got it going.

By itself, it is a moderate sized biege box, with a telltale platen and paper slots to indicate its function, and three buttons on its front panel. When it's installed in the place of the Timex 2040 printer, its true size becomes apparent - I had to clear some extra space to fit it in: along with its supply of paper, it covers an area equal to eight T/S 2046 's.

## GETTING IT GOING

Setup is straightforeward; plug it in, plug in the cable from the Centronics interface, and turn it on. A reassuring clunk-clunk-clunk announces that it's awake. Turn it on again, holding down the TOF (top of form) switch, and the print test starts up - whee! Now back to serious work. There are 16 switches that have to be set to let the Prowriter understand the Timex/Memotech. Slow work; the terminology is unfamiliar, and each switch controls a different aspect of the relations between the two machines. Fortunately, Tom Woods has published a switch pattern for the Timex, and that got me started.

Now for the first real test: LPRINT "HELLO". Nothing happened! Oh yes, the SEL (select-e.g. recieve message) light must be on. A tap of the SEL Key, and the SEL light comes on; now LPRINT works. The next step is to get a program to control the LPRINTs - Z-TEXT was the obvious choice, as its 100\% BASIC code would allow easy modification to allow for the quirks of the Memotech interface. The interface sends out ASCII upper case when it sees Sinclair normal video: leading to normal looking program listings. To send out lower case, one must use inverse characters. Not impossible, but most writing is in lower case, leading to an annoying screen display. I was able to add a line that flopped each character from inverse to normal or vice versa, before it was sent to the printer. A second problem came up: each capital letter required two GRAPHICS shifts, and constant vigilance that an inverse period was not left in the text (that's Memotech's flag for the special ASCII control characters).

In addition, I was typing on a full size keyboard (read FAST) while the Sinclair INPUT
routine was optimized for the membrane keyboard (read SLOW). It was time for machine code. I got started on a typing utility, but then I got an advance copy of WSII. It is designed for the 2040 printer, but the text handling and entry module is separate from the printer driver. It was thus possible to modify the printer driver to work with the Memotech interface, while retaining the smooth Key action and natural CAPS shift of the original. That's when this project took off - leading to this review, among other things.

## PRINTER FEATURES

The Prowriter is a VERY complex machine. You can get some idea of this by the fact that it has more ROM than the Timex! Filling all that space are a fixed pitch character set, a proportional pitch character set, a greek $\times \$ \psi$ T' $\omega \times \phi$
 see, each is very legible - DOT MATRIX dosen't scream at you as it does from some older or cheaper designs. My professors found no diffuculty in accepting papers printed on the Prowriter.

Character sets are only one part of the Prowriter's abilities. Every aspect of the machine is under electronic control, and the user can change these at will. Both horizontal and vertical tabs can be set up, text can be conpressed or expanded, underlined or boldfaced. Line feed can be adjusted big,
 won't show that - it's too hard to read). Individual pins can be controlled, making it capable of printing hi-res images covering an entire sheet (or box, if you had the memory) of paper, at a resolution of $1440 \times 1280$ pixels. Mechanically, the Prowriter is either friction or pin feed, and can be adjusted for paper thickness and impression strength.

## CONCLUSIONS

As you may have guessed, I like it. I sometimes wish it had an italics option, as some other printers do. Print quality is excellent, without sacrificing the flexibility of a dot matrix system. A daisy wheel printer would be better at printing fine, carefully sculptured letters - I wouldn't use this to do a thesis for Harvard. But the bottom line is, its fast, simple, and flexible; an excellent value.
Mark Fisher

## PLANNING A TRUST

As I noted the snow on the peaks of the attendees at the last meeting I was moved (by the plea for Newsletter items) to respond with a little program I wrote some time ago when a grandchild was born. This permits planning for a sum of money more than a decade in the future, adjusted for (estimated) inflation figures. Your guess is as good as mine of average inflation over the upcoming years, but we can all guess. If you follow the progress of the Fund, you can make adjustments. Run it several times with various assumptions, you will be surprised at the outccines. I am not a registered financial analyst, so I can only say I invest for my grandkids in an Equity Mutual Fund which has averaged 25 per cent growth for the past ten years. (Before we leave, I can also say that my children use this program in future planning for the kids' education, etc.) $0 h$, and the algebraic formulae come from my daughter's "Business Math" book from her college. Any smart business calculator can do the saine thing, but not all in one package.
-- STEW VANCE --



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## STARGAZE WITH YOUR TIMEX SINCLAIR by Don Mayes

This program was derived from a 16 K RAM version and compacted to fit a standard computer without the use of a RAM pack. A few notes should be made: K1, K2, and K3 are constants. K1 changes each year -see the KI Constants chart to figure out which one to use. LONG is your longitude in decimal hours. TZ is the difference in hours between your time zone and Greenwich. GMST is Greenwich Mean Sidereal Time and LMST is the Local Mean Sidereal Time.

To calculate the day of the year which is needed in the sidereal time program add the day of the month to the following monthly base numbers: January 0, February 31, March 59, April 90, May 120, June 151, July 181, August 212, September 243, October 273, November 304, December 334. Remember that in leap years you increase the day number by 1 for all dates after February.

This program listing is actually three separate programs that have been stringed together and all REM statements were deleted to make this program as compact as possible. As it turned out, there is still plenty of room left to make additional changes or modifications left up to the user's delight. I left lines 0 through 9 blank in the beginning of this program to allow room for one to construct some sort of menu or subroutine to select or default to a particular subprogram with in the main body. It should be noted that the variables in the three separate subprograms are not linked with each other, meaning you may have to remember the output of the sidereal time routine and plug the values in the next set of computer prompts. This is not much of a problem if you have good short term memory as most people do. The entry points for each of the three programs are line 10 for Local Mean Sidereal Time, line 32 for Right Assensition and Decimal Calculation, and line 59 for Altitude/Azimuth Conversion. The KI constants are listed in the table below.

## K1 Constants

| 83 | 6.6064939 |
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| 1984 |  |
| 1985 | 6.640374 |
| 1986 | 6.624460 |
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| 1994 | 6.6285 |
| 1995 | 6.61265112 |
| 1996 | 6.59673600 |
| 1997 | 6.64653192 |
| 1998 | 6.63061704 |
| 1999 | 6.61470312 |
| 2000 | 6.598788 |

The * denotes leap years and also note that the LAT, LONG, and TX variables for example may be set for a geographical location other than where you live to check on the correct variables where you will be setting up shop. A good place to check is the local college or university Astronomy Department. Also the local library has lots of Geo. tables for star buffs.

Editor's Note: In case you haven't noticed, my monthly column has been called off lately due to a few weeks vacation and also I was in the process of moving to a new residence. Now that things are somewhat back to normal I will have more time to devote to Hardware/ Software projects. Upcoming projects include how to construct a simple light pen minimizing hardware and making stratiegic use of softmare to do the job. A light pen is a device that alium jos. to select menu choices right from the monitor screen without touching the keyboard.
I hope that all of you will find this challenging and helpful in your quest for bigger and better adventures in the computing power of your Timex/Sinclair. If any bugs or errors pop up. please feel free to address them to ing or slip a correction notice in the monthly newsletter. This program is copyrighted, and is intended for free distribution via
tapes or listings to all who wish to use it. Modific:ations or corrections during distribution are solicited.

Happy Gazing
Dona Td Mayes, Jr. New Twisted Pair 589-4190


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77 PRINT " LMST (DECIMAL HOURS) ":
7 8 \text { INPUT LMST}
79 PRINT
80 LET HA = LMST-RA
81 LET HAD = HA*15
82 LET L = LAT/RAD
83 LET H = HAD/RAD
84 LET D DEC/RAD
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86. LET AA = ATN(A/SQR(-A*A+1)) ratan
87 LET ALT = AA*RAD
88 LET AZ = (SIN(D)-(SIN(L)*SIN(A)))/(COS(L)*COS(A))
89 LET AZA = - ATN(AZ/SQR(-AZ*AZ+1)) +1.5708 atan caVd
90 LET AZM = AZA*RAD
91 IF SIN(H)>0 THEN AZM = 360-AZM
92 PRINT " ALTITUDE = "; ALT
93 PRINT " AZIMUTH = ":AZM
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On Mihaly Grell's high resolution plotting program (Newsletter, Vol. 1, No. 6) I added the following statements so you get a screen print out. The question I have, is there anyway you can plot high resolution graphics on screen with the ZX81 and the 16 K memory module?

181 Let $\mathrm{X1}=\mathrm{X} / 15$
182 Let X1 $=\mathrm{Y} / 10$
185 Print at Y1, X1; "."
Funny you should ask. Mr Grell is also interested in the same question - but no results so far. Others have made more progress though - see below.

## MF

PS. I lost the name of the author of the above letter. You can help by putting your name on each sheet submitted (please?).


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Thi苞 following interesting Progrsms were sent by S. R. Baker of Rrlington, Va.

He also wrote:
Dear Editors:
Recently many members of cats bought the paper back "The Essential Guide to Timex/Sinclair Hom Computers. This book has on Page 247 program TRANSIM that is said to give a mowing display. However, the display is stationary. To make it move, add line 265: 265 SLOW. then it works well.

The TRANEIM Program is heIPed by two corrections. In line 400 chanse AT 7,13 to RT 7.12. Rlso. delete line 20 and replace witM lin 171: 171 PRINT "PRESS S TO STOP BASE CURRENT, R TO RESTRRT"

Enclosed are a coupl of programs that may be of some interest to beginners who want some graphic displass for experiment. The "PRTTERNS" is variznt of the LISR IDUS put out by Jim Wallace a while 890.

Many thanks to Mr. Baker. Helpful contributions such as this make our newsletter more worthwhile.

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## AUTOPSY of a PROGRAM

Last month, I showed you several elements of a program's structure. This month, I'll present a subroutine (to be added to the end of an existing program) that takes advantage of that structure to help investigate the program in question.

The Greek root of autopsy refers to self-looking. A medical autopsy today investigates the state of the systems of a patient, following his death. It provides information that is not available any other way. This will only be a partial autopsy - only one aspect of the program will be examined. In our case, the patient is capable of getting up off the table after we're done with him, and working as hard as ever.

Last month I discussed the extra bytes that the Timex inserts after every decimal number in the program file. In a long program, hund reds of bytes can be taken up with these constants. A great deal of memory can be saved if commonly used numbers are replaced by constants - but which numbers occur often enough to be so replaced? It's easy enough to scan the list for commonly used numbers, but in a long program, many possibilities may be missed. The accompanying program will scan your program, and prepare a table of number use, showing numbers used and their frequency.
THE PROGRAM

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    9750 DIM D(204)
    9760 FOR N=16509 TO 35000
    9770 IF PEEK N<>126 THEN NEXT N
    9780 LET N=N+5
    9790 FOR L=N-6 TO N-30 STEP -1
    9800 IF PEEK L<>42 AND (PEEK L<28 OR PEE
    K L>37) THEN GOTO 9820
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    9820 LET A年=""
    9830 FOR L=L+1 TO N-6
    9840 LET A =A=A+CHRक PEEK L
    9 8 5 0 ~ N E X T ~ L
    9860 IF As="10101010" THEN GOTO 9960
    9870 FOR L=2 TO 200 STEP 2
    9 8 8 0 ~ I F ~ U A L ~ A \$ < D ( L ) ~ T H E N ~ N E X T ~ L
    9 8 9 0 ~ I F ~ V A L ~ A ~ A = D ( L ) ~ O R ~ D ( L - 1 ) = 0 ~ T H E N ~ G O T ~
    09930
    9900 FOR M=198 TO L-1 STEP -1
    9910 LET D(M+2)=D(M)
    9 9 2 0 ~ N E X T ~ M ~
    9 9 3 0 ~ L E T ~ D ( L - 1 ) = D ( L - 1 ) * ( D ( L ) < > D ( L + 2 ) ) + 1
    9940 LET D(L)=UAL A*
    9 9 5 0 ~ N E X T ~ N
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The program seperates into four segments. 9750-9770 The file array (D0) is set up, then the main search loop-exited when a 126 number marker is found.
9780-9810: The main counter, $N$, is set ahead of the binary part of the number, and the utility loop, L , is invoked and looped until it encounters a byte that is not a digit (E counts as a digit - do you know why?).
9820-9860 An image of the number is built up in A and is checked against the flag digit. The analysis will stop when it encounters this number, so you can insert it iust ahead of this subroutine to avoid including the numbers in this subroutine in the overall count.
9878-9950 This is the filing routine; As is compared with the numbers already in $D()$, and the data in D() is moved up to make room if needed. 9960-9990 The display routine.

It is not necessary to create a variable for each number found - in this case, variables for 1 \& 200 would save perhaps 85 bytes. Numbers can be economically expressed using combinations ( $I+I=2$, if $]=1$ for example)

This process of leafing through the program file can be used in many instances. If there is interest, I will discuss my line renumbering subroutine next month. Mark Fisher

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& 9960 \text { FOR } L=2 \text { TO } 204 \text { STEP } 2 \\
& 9970 \text { PRINT } D(L-1): "--" D(L) \\
& 9980 \text { NEXT L } \\
& 9990 \text { LET } L=10101010 \\
& 1--35000 \\
& 1--16509 \\
& 1--9960 \\
& 1--9930 \\
& 1--9820 \\
& 2--204 \\
& 1-200 \\
& 1--198 \\
& 1--126 \\
& 1--42 \\
& 1--37 \\
& 1--30 \\
& 1--28 \\
& 2--6 \\
& 1--5 \\
& 6--2 \\
& 9--1 \\
& 1--8 \\
& 0--0
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Screen Dump: use CONT to see rest of D() if your program uses more than 22 constants.
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